Feb. 25, 1927.

Mr. George Collier, Edison, Ga.
Mr. Joe Collier, Arlington, Ga.
Mrs. Fannie C. Beauchany, Blakely, Ga.
Miss Mattie T. Collier, Arlington, Ga.

During the year of 1780 Vines Collier, who married Sarah Williamson in Virginia, removed to Wilkes County, Ga. He was a descendant of Robert Collier of Stone, England, who died in 1505, will probated in 1528. His wife was named Isabella Doddington. Vines had the follwwing children:

Mary, who married John H. Owens of Monroe County in 1803.

Elisabeth, who married Rev. Thos. Dunn, a Methodist preacher.

Sarah, who married Harrison King Smith in 1804.

Isaac, who married Elizabeth Smith in 1802. He was Clerk of the Court of Oglethorpe County along about 1825, a member of the Georgia Legislature H. R. 1830-1831, and also a member of the Georgia State Senate 1832-1833 from Oglethorpe County. Along about 1835 he moved with his family to West Upson, and died in Upson County, and resided at what is now in 1927 known as the Tisinger place in Upson County. He had a large family.

Anne, who married John Hardeman about 1790. They were the heads of the Hardeman family at Macon and vicinity.

Thomas, who resided in Columbia County in 1792.

John, who was the first Tax Collector of Oglethorpe County when it was cut off from Wilkes along about 1795. He married Patsey Gresham, who was the daughter of John Gresham. He was appointed Captian of the 245th District Company, Pulaske County, on June 20, 1812 and resigned in 1813.

William, who married Sallie Powell in 1801. Later he left Oglethorpe County and at this time, March 1927, have been unable to locate his descendants or what became of him.

Vines Jr., who married Dorothy Raffety in 1802 and died in Wilkes County, Georgia. Do not know whether he left any descendants or not. Doing my best to locate.

Benjamin, who was named for his grandfather, Benjamin Williamson, of Virginia and who married Anne Howard in 1805 and died around 1830. In his will he mentioned the following legatees: Robert, William, Cuthbert, Williamson, Vines, Isaac, Benjamin, John H. Owens, Harrison King Smith, Thomas Dunn, Thomas G. Jones, Benjamin F. Hardeman, and George Menafee. The records show that he removed to Early County, Ga, or it might have been his son.

Williamson, likewise came to Georgia from Virginia with his father, Vines, in 1781 and married Jemena Powell in 1803, who was a sister of Sallie Powell that married William. He was likewise named for his grandfather, Benjamin Williamson, of Virginia. Williamson later moved to Upson County, Georgia, and had a son by the name of William Merrill. He lived around in Monroe and Upson County and died in 1872, and buried on the farm in Redbone District of Monroe County, which is now Lamar County, and in 1925 his remains were diesinterred and removed to lot of J. C. Collier at Barnesville, Georgia. He was buried in a metallic casket which was found to be perfect, which had been in the ground over 50 years and intact in every way. He left 3 children, all of whom are deceased. Their names were Greene Hardeman, Vines Hicks, and Savannah, who married a Ferguson and left no children.

Robert, who married Marshall Booker of Putman County on May 1, 1806 and removed to Upson along about 1822 to 1824 and died in 1850 and was buried on the old farm 8 miles South of The Rock, Ga. Robert was a large planter, a large slave owner, and owned 20 to 30 plantations. He was a member of the Georgia Legislature 4 terms, viz. 1826-27-35-36 and a member of the Georgia State Senate 2 terms, 1841-42. He raised a large family.

The writer is a great-grandson of Robert.

Vines had one other son named Cuthbert Collier, who was born in Oglethorpe County in 1785. He removed along about 1822 to 1824 to Monroe County, Georgia, residing near Collier's Station on the Central of Georgia Railway. This Station was named for him. He had a sone by the name of John Marling.

There was another Collier residing about this time in Monroe County by the name of John T. Collier, who was a very prosperous planter. But up to the present time have not been able to connect him with this family.

After you have read this letter carefully, I would appreciate it if you would fill in the enclosed blank that I am sending you. Give me all the information possible regarding your antecedents, as I am preparing a Genealogy of the Collier family. Our colateral branch.

The Robert of Stone, England whose grandson, Isaac Collier, Jr., came to Virginia about 1650. This Isaac Collier married Sarah Lockley, sister of John Edward Lockley of London.

The Vines Collier I speal of is our direct ancestor and was a grandson of this Isaac, who came to America in 1650.

Requesting your attention as promptly as possible after giving same careful thought, I beg to remain

Yours very faithfully,

J. C. COLLIER.

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